

system runs a messaging server that receives forwarded messages from the messaging client of the second client electronic system and dispatches the forwarded messages to a messaging handler on the server to process the messages.

REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,792,085 issued to Rigaldies et al. (*Rigaldies*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,392,993 issued to Hamilton et al. (*Hamilton*). Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-17 are not obvious in view of *Rigaldies* and *Hamilton* for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-15

The Office action states that claims 3, 8, and 13 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 8, and 13 are canceled herein and the allowable subject matter from those claims has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 6, and 11, respectively. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 6, and 11 are not obvious in view of *Rigaldies* and *Hamilton* given that they contain the allowable subject matter discussed in the Office action.

Claims 2 and 4-5 depend from claim 1. Claims 7 and 9-10 depend from claim 6. Claims 12 and 14-15 depend from claim 11. Given that dependent claims necessarily include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicant respectfully submits claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 15 are not obvious in view of *Rigaldies* and

Hamilton.

Claims 16-17

Currently amended independent claim 16 recites in a salient portion:

. . . a server electronic system coupled to the client electronic system, the server electronic system having one or more processors to run one or more programs in a memory system coupled to the processor, wherein the one or more processors runs a messaging server that receives forwarded messages from the messaging client and dispatches the forwarded messages to a messaging handler on the server to process the messages, **wherein the messaging server selects the messaging handler from a plurality of messaging handlers based on the target identifier**
(emphasis added)

Thus, claim 16 recites limitations that include the allowable subject matter discussed above.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that currently amended claims 16 is patentable as it recites at least an element not taught by *Rigaldies* in view of *Hamilton*. As dependent claim 17 depends from a nonobvious independent claim, the dependent claim is also nonobvious. (See M.P.E.P. §2143.03 (citing *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988))).

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, and 14-17 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.



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